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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER
37 CFR 1.136(a)**

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<i>Title</i>	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF DIFFRACTING STRUCTURES		
<i>Serial No.</i>	09/670,000	<i>Filed</i>	SEPTEMBER 25, 2000
<i>Examiner</i>	CHIH-CHENG GLEN KAO	<i>Group Art No.</i>	2882
<i>Docket No.</i>	NAN022 US	<i>Confirmation No.</i>	3656

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$450.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1020.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1,590.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2,160.00

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$510.

This amount is shown in the attached fee transmittal.

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

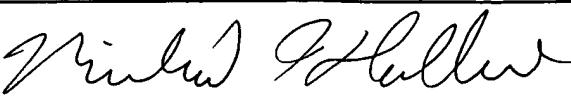
Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2263.

I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. 04/11/2006 CCHAU1 00000064 09670000
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